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1. ASID Serum Institute is located in Dessau, Seminarplatz 3. ASID Serum Institute Weissensee, Berlin-Weissensee, Grosse Seestrasse [Soviet Zone] was formerly affiliated but is now operated by the government as an independent institution. The ASID Serum Institute Berlin W35, Potsdamer Strasse 149 [US Zone] was a branch of the Central Institute at Dessau, but since 1947 has operated independently and has no connection with Dessau.

2. In 1950 there were about 500 employees at Dessau, working 48 hours per week. Sera, vaccines, and pharmaceuticals for human and veterinarian use were produced. Raw materials were obtained in Germany [Soviet Zone] except agar-agar which had to be imported.

3. The output was largely consumed in Eastern Germany, with some small quantities going to other countries behind the curtain. Exports to the USSR as reparations were discontinued in 1949. Small quantities of sera and pharmaceuticals for veterinary use only were sold to Soviet Army units stationed in Eastern Germany.

4. Since 1949 the Soviets, including veterinarians, have shown no interest in the Institute.

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5. All the old key personnel have left the Institute since 1950, some escaping to the West, and some going to Forschungsanstalten Insel Riems bei Greifswald, a new institution

6. A synthetic serum for swine erysipelas was being produced. In 1950 the capacity was 500 liters per week at a cost of DM 30.00 per liter. According to numerous reports of veterinarians published in Eastern German veterinarian periodicals, the serum was definitely superior to equine serum.

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